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To: Senator Beth Bye, Co-Chairperson
Representative Toni Walker, Co-Chairperson
Members of the Appropriations Committee

From: L. Scott Andrews, Executive Director

Re: HB 6846 An Act Implementing the Governor's Budget Recommendations
For Human Services Programs

Senator Bye, Representative Walker, Vice Chairpersons, Ranking Members and
Committee Members:

My name is Scott Andrews. I am the Executive Director for Seymour Ambulance Association. As such, I feel compelled to share my thoughts with you today and request that you oppose the proposed change to Section 17 of the above House Bill.

Seymour Ambulance Association is a small, certified, 9-1-1 EMS responder. We are the primary service area responder for the Town of Seymour and provide mutual aid to other communities surround Seymour. We respond to a little more than 2000 requests for service each year and transport approximately 1700 patients. We pride ourselves on being able to do this as a primarily volunteer agency.

Section 17 of HB 6846, if passed, will eliminate a significant amount of funding that our service counts on to be able to provide emergency medical services to our community. With our economy still in a state of flux, we are transporting an increased number of patients who receive Medicaid benefits as their primary insurance or as their secondary insurance which provides payment for their unmet co-pay.

The elimination of these Medicaid crossover dollars, will result in the lose of over \$53,000 per year in revenue. This is equal to 9% of our total billing revenues received.

The Seymour Ambulance Association is dedicated to helping to improve the quality of life for the residents and guests of the Town of Seymour.

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Medicaid only reimburses our service for 30% of our costs for transporting a patient. We lose \$507 for every Medicaid patient that we transport.

Because we only serve as a certified 9-1-1 responder, we have no way of making up this lost revenue. This legislation will potentially put Seymour Ambulance Association in a position where we will not be able to continue to provide the same high-quality service to our residents.

I implore you to please maintain our funding of the Medicaid crossover program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Scott Andrews", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

L. Scott Andrews
Executive Director